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*To those who are struggling*



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For this Table of Contents, I have taken the topics of the Articles from St. Thomas’s prologues; these differ slightly from those shown in the texts of the Articles themselves. For clarity, I have also paraphrased the traditional titles of the Questions, several of which are a little bit misleading. “Man’s Last End” has become “Man’s Ultimate Purpose”; “In What It Consists” has become “In What Does Happiness Lie? Failed Candidates”; “What It Is” has become “Where Then Does Happiness Really Lie, And What Is It in Itself?”; “What Is Required for It” has become “What Complete Happiness Requires”; and “How It May Be Obtained” has become “How Complete Happiness Is Finally Attained.”

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